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1. EMBASSY WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT SVENSKA FOLKPARTIET LISTED AMONG EDU OBSERVERS IN PARA THREE OF REFTEL IS FROM FINLAND, NOT SWEDEN.

2. SVENSKA FOLKPARTIET, OR THE SWEDISH PEOPLES PARTY, IS A MINORITY LANGUAGE-ORIENTED PARTY WITH CONSERVATIVE ANTECEDENTS WHICH NOW STRESSES ITS CENTER-LEFT COOPERATION CREDENTIALS IN AN EFFORT TO RETAIN MAXIMUM SUPPORT FROM ITS INCREASINGLY URBANIZED SWEDISH-LANGUAGE CONSTITUENCY. ITS OBSERVER STATUS IN THE EDU REPRESENTS THE COMMITMENT OF THE PARTY TO THE PRINCIPLES CITED IN REFTEL AND IS IN KEEPING WITH PARTY PRACTICE OF PARTICIPATING INFORMALLY IN CONTACTS AMONG NORDIC CONSERVATIVE PARTIES. SIGNIFICANTLY, HOWEVER, PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN INGVAR MELIN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SALZBURG MEETING WAS UNDERTAKEN SO QUIETLY THAT IT DID NOT APPEAR EVEN IN FINLAND'S SWEDISH-LANGUAGE PRESS COVERAGE OF THE MEETING. RIDGWAY

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